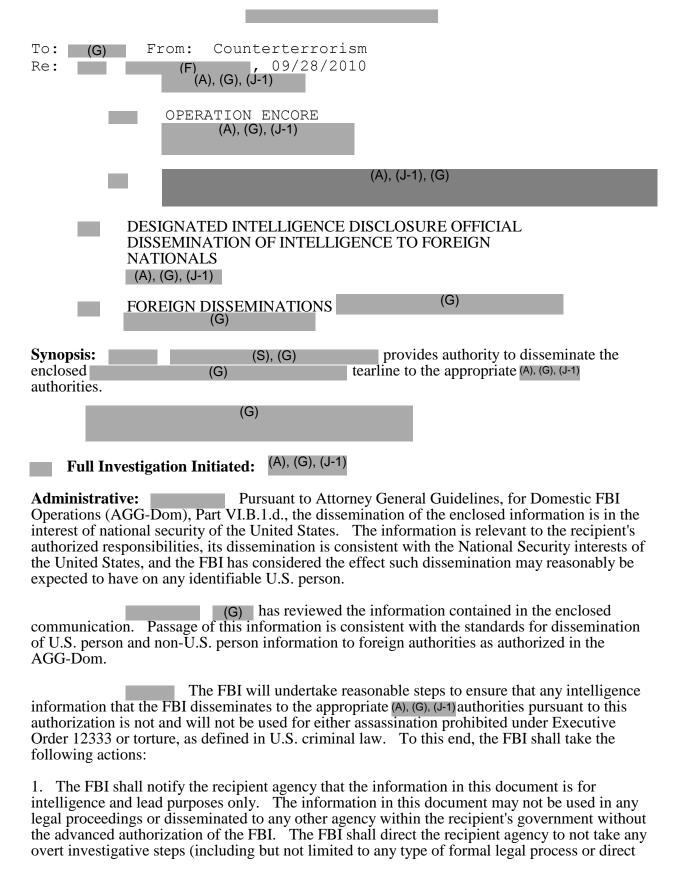
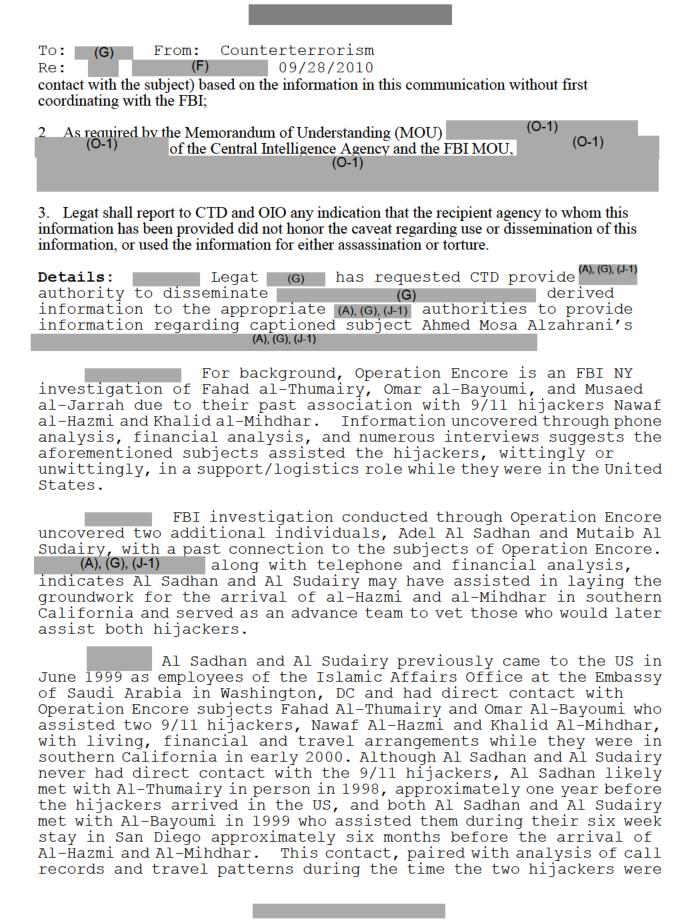
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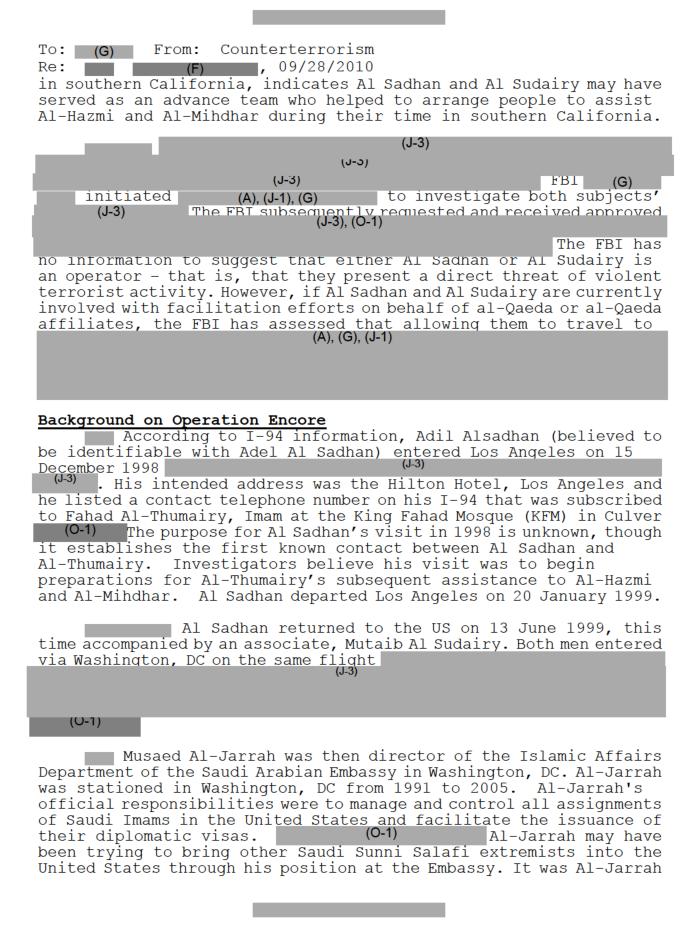
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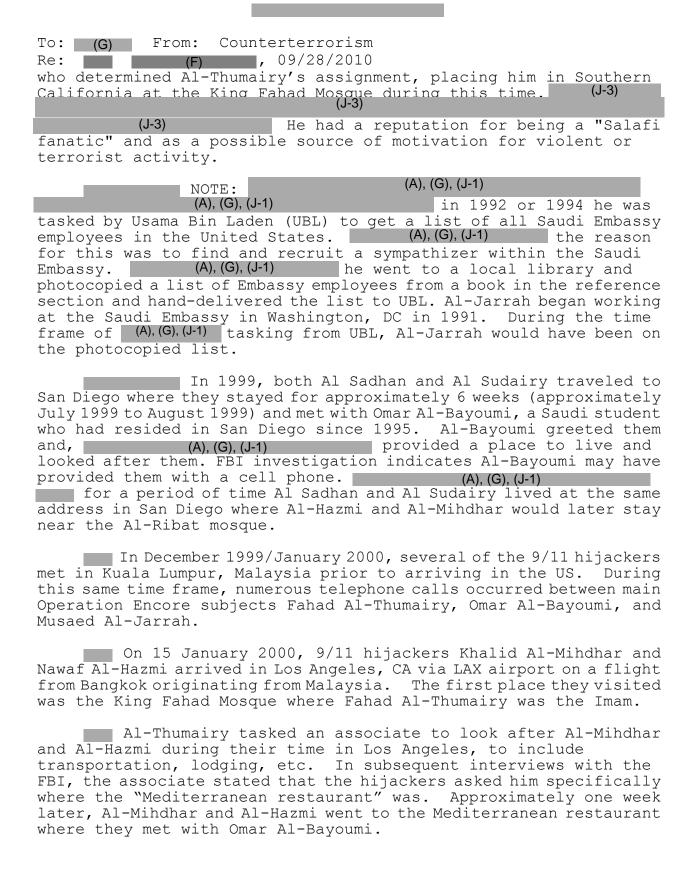
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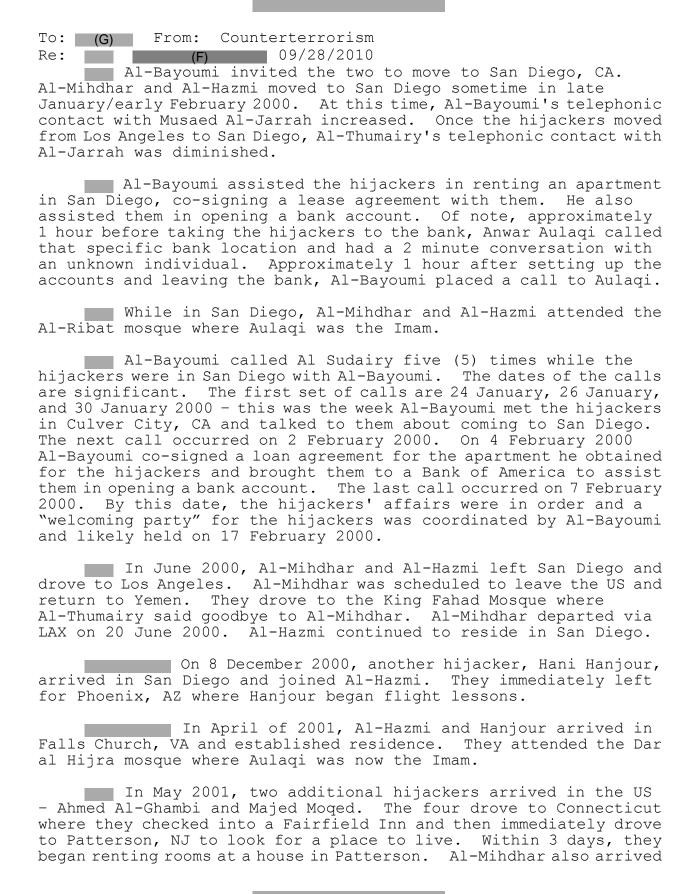
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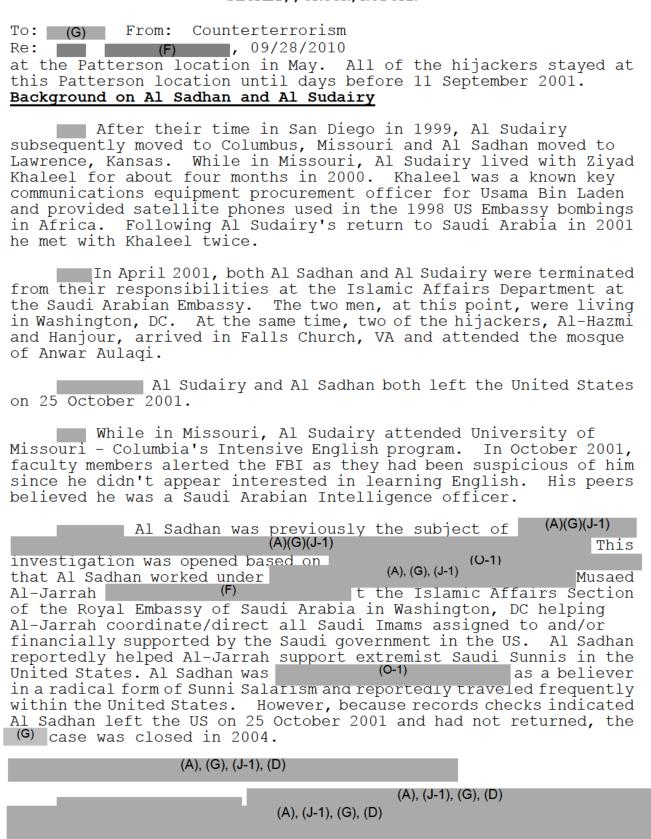








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From: Counterterrorism To: (G) 09/28/2010 (F) (A), (G), (J-1), (D) FBIHQ notifies Legat (G) that DIDO authority has been granted to disseminate the enclosed CTD approved tearline to the appropriate (A), (G), (J-1) authorities. -----Begin Tearline-----(F) (F) The following individuals are subjects of a pending FBI counterterrorism investigation: Adel Mohammed A. Al Sadhan Citizenship: Saudi Arabia Date of Birth: (P-1) 1973 Passport #s: Saudi Arabia (P-1) Mutaib A.A. Al Sudairy Citizenship: Saudi Arabia Date of Birth: (P-1) 1971 Passport #s: Saudi Arabia (P-1) (A), (G), (J-1) Citizenship: Saudi Arabia Date of Birth: (A), (G), (J-1) Passport #s: Saudi Arabia (A), (G), (J-1) For background, Operation Encore is an FBI investigation of Fahad al-Thumairy, Omar al-Bayoumi, and Musaed al-Jarrah due to their past association with 9/11 hijackers Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar. Information uncovered through phone analysis, financial analysis, and numerous interviews suggests the aforementioned subjects assisted the hijackers, wittingly or unwittingly, in a support/logistics role while they were in the United States. FBI investigation conducted through Operation Encore uncovered two additional individuals, Adel Al Sadhan To: (G) From: Counterterrorism

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and Mutaib Al Sudairy, with a past connection to the subjects of Operation Encore. (A), (G), (J-1) along with telephone and financial analysis, indicates Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy may have assisted in laying the groundwork for the arrival of al-Hazmi and al-Mihdhar in southern California and served as an advance team to

vet those who would later assist both hijackers.

(0-1)(0-1)in Washington, DC and had direct contact with Operation Encore subjects Fahad Al-Thumairy and Omar Al-Bayoumi who assisted two 9/11 hijackers, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and Khalid Al-Mihdhar, with living, financial and travel arrangements while they were in southern California in early 2000. Although Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy never had direct contact with the 9/11 hijackers, Al Sadhan likely met with Al-Thumairy in person in 1998, approximately one year before the hijackers arrived in the US, and both Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy met with Al-Bayoumi in 1999 who assisted them during their six week stay in San Diego approximately six months before the arrival of Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar. This contact, paired with analysis of call records and travel patterns during the time the two hijackers were in southern California, indicates Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy may have served as an advance team who helped to arrange people to assist Al-Hazmi and Al-Mihdhar during their time in southern

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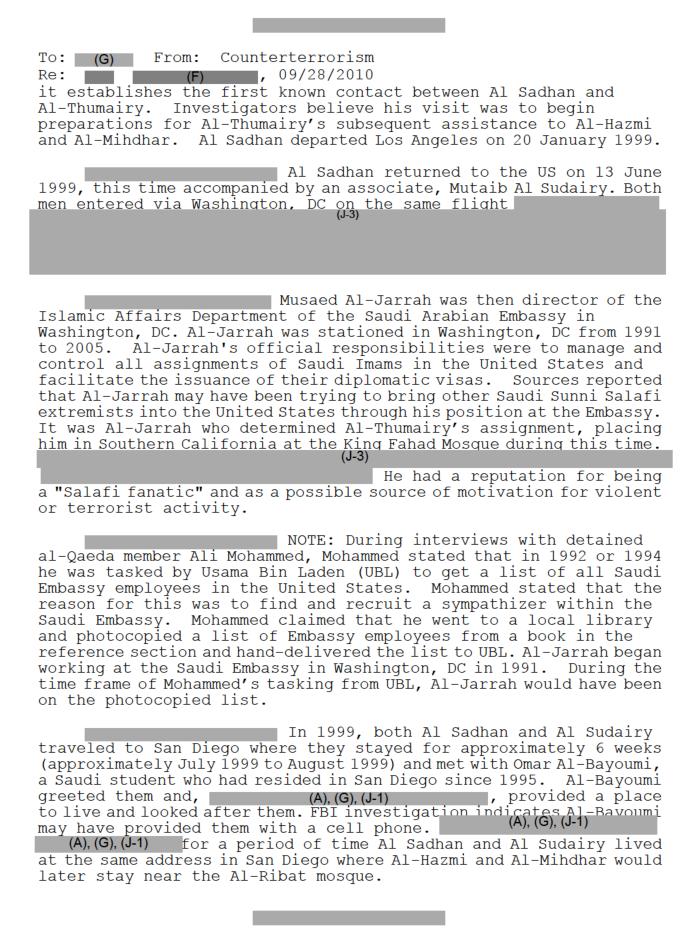
The FBI then began to investigate both subjects' return to the US.

The FBI has no information to suggest that either Al Sadhan or Al Sudairy is an operator - that is, that they present a direct threat of violent terrorist activity. However, if Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy are currently involved with facilitation efforts on behalf of al-Qaeda or al-Qaeda affiliates, the FBI has assessed that allowing them to travel to the US will provide a unique opportunity to collect intelligence on their activities and contacts while in the US, potentially including unknown US-based individuals tied to terrorism.

## Background on Operation Encore

California.

According to US travel information Adel Al Sadhan entered Los Angeles, California on 15 December 1998 on His intended address was the Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles and he listed a contact telephone number on his travel documents that was subscribed to Fahad Al-Thumairy, Imam at the King Fahad Mosque in Culver City, CA. The purpose for Al Sadhan's visit in 1998 is unknown, though



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Omar Al-Bayoumi, and Musaed Al-Jarrah.

On 15 January 2000, 9/11 hijackers Khalid Al-Mihdhar and Nawaf Al-Hazmi arrived in Los Angeles on a flight from Bangkok originating from Malaysia. The first place they visited was the King Fahad Mosque where Fahad Al-Thumairy was the Imam.

occurred between main Operation Encore subjects Fahad Al-Thumairy,

Al-Thumairy tasked an associate to look after Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi during their time in Los Angeles, to include transportation, lodging, etc. In subsequent interviews with the FBI, the associate stated that the hijackers asked him specifically where the "Mediterranean restaurant" was. Approximately one week later, Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi went to the Mediterranean restaurant where they met with Omar Al-Bayoumi.

Al-Bayoumi invited the two to move to San Diego, CA. Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi moved to San Diego sometime in late January/early February 2000. At this time, Al-Bayoumi's telephonic contact with Musaed Al-Jarrah increased. Once the hijackers moved from Los Angeles to San Diego, Al-Thumairy's telephonic contact with Al-Jarrah was diminished.

Al-Bayoumi assisted the hijackers in renting an apartment in San Diego, co-signing a lease agreement with them. He also assisted them in opening a bank account. Of note, approximately 1 hour before taking the hijackers to the bank, Anwar Aulagi called that specific bank location and had a 2 minute conversation with an unknown individual. Approximately 1 hour after setting up the accounts and leaving the bank, Al-Bayoumi placed a call to Aulagi.

While in San Diego, Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi attended the Al-Ribat mosque where Aulaqi was the Imam.

Al-Bayoumi called Al Sudairy five (5) times while the hijackers were in San Diego with Al-Bayoumi. The dates of the calls are significant. The first set of calls are 24 January, 26 January, and 30 January 2000 - this was the week Al-Bayoumi met the hijackers in Culver City, CA and talked to them about coming to San Diego. The next call occurred on 2 February 2000. On 4 February 2000 Al-Bayoumi co-signed a loan agreement for the apartment he obtained for the hijackers and brought them to a Bank of America to assist them in opening a bank account. The last call occurred on 7 February 2000. By this date, the hijackers' affairs were in

To: (G) From: Counterterrorism  Re: (F) , 09/28/2010  order and a "welcoming party" for the hijackers was coordinated by Al-Bayoumi and likely held on 17 February 2000.
In June 2000, Al-Mihdhar and Al-Hazmi left San Diego and drove to Los Angeles. Al-Mihdhar was scheduled to leave the US and return to Yemen. They drove to the King Fahad Mosque where Al-Thumairy said goodbye to Al-Mihdhar. Al-Mihdhar departed the US on 20 June 2000. Al-Hazmi continued to reside in San Diego.
On 8 December 2000, another hijacker, Hani Hanjour, arrived in San Diego and joined Al-Hazmi. They immediately left for Phoenix, AZ where Hanjour began flight lessons.
In April of 2001, Al-Hazmi and Hanjour arrived in Falls Church, VA and established residence. They attended the Dar al Hijra mosque where Aulaqi was now the Imam.
Background on Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy
After their time in San Diego in 1999, Al Sudairy subsequently moved to Columbus, Missouri and Al Sadhan moved to Lawrence, Kansas. While in Missouri, Al Sudairy lived with Ziyad Khaleel for about four months in 2000. Khaleel was a known key communications equipment procurement officer for Usama Bin Laden and provided satellite phones used in the 1998 US Embassy bombings in Africa. Following Al Sudairy's return to Saudi Arabia in 2001 he met with Khaleel twice.
In April 2001, both Al Sadhan and Al Sudairy were terminated from their responsibilities at the Islamic Affairs Department at the Saudi Arabian Embassy. The two men, at this point, were living in Washington, DC. At the same time, two of the hijackers, Al-Hazmi and Hanjour, arrived in Falls Church, VA and attended the mosque of Anwar Aulaqi. Al Sudairy and Al Sadhan both left the United States on 25 October 2001.
While in Missouri, Al Sudairy attended University of Missouri - Columbia's Intensive English program. In October 2001, faculty members alerted the FBI as they had been suspicious of him since he didn't appear interested in learning English. His peers believed he was a Saudi Arabian Intelligence officer.
Current Travel to the US
Recent information obtained by the FBI
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Al-Zahrani and Al Sud	ot identified any familial relation between lairy, and have no indication that Al Sudairy (G), (J-1) to any other individuals.
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As required by the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning (O-1) of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (MOU),
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